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SUMMARY. EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE CONTAINED REF
A TO MFA ON MARCH 3. REFERENCE IN THAT NOTE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S NOTE 079/6144 IS APPROPRIATE, WE BELIEVE, EVEN
THOUGH LATTER NOTE DOES NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO ANY
EMBASSY NOTE. CHRONOLOGY AND CONTENTS OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES
ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL U.S. SUMMER SEASON SCHEDULES WERE FILED UNDER
NOTE NO. 37 OF JAN. 31, 1977 ON BASIS SCHEDULES SUBMITTED
BY AIRLINES AND REF C (EXCEPT THAT OF PAN AM'S SEVEN
FLIGHTS, ALL WITH 747'S FROM NEW YORK CONTINUING BEYOND
ROME, ONE TURNED AROUND AT DAMASCUS RATHER THAN AT
ISTANBUL AS STATED REF C). THE ONLY USE OF 707'S IN THE
PAN AM FINAL FILING WAS BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK
THREE TIMES WEEKLY.

2. EMBASSY FILED NOTE NO. 161 ON MARCH 30, 1977 WHICH
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CONVEYED REVISED PAN AM SUMMER SCHEDULE. THIS REVISION
PRESERVED CHANGE OF GAUGE AT ROME THROUGH JUNE 8. FROM
JUNE 9 TO OCT. 24 IT SCHEDULED SIX 747 FLIGHTS NEW YORK/
TEHERAN (ONE OF WHICH HAS PHILADELPHIA-NEW YORK CON-
NECTION BY 707) AND ONE 747 FLIGHT NEW YORK/ROME.

3. MFA NOTE 079/6144 OF APRIL 1 DID NOT REFER TO ANY

EMBASSY NOTE, BUT IT DID REFER TO MARCH 14 AND 15 CONSULTATIONS IN ROME AT WHICH U.S. FINAL SUMMER SCHEDULE FILING (EMBASSY NOTE 37) WAS DISCUSSED. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION MFA NOTE 079/6144 COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED EITHER TO EMBASSY NOTE 161 (BECAUSE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES COULD NOT HAVE REACTED FAST ENOUGH TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY NOTE RECEIVED ONE DAY BEFORE MFA NOTE ISSUED) NOR TO ANY OTHER EMBASSY NOTE (BECAUSE THERE WERE NO OTHER EMBASSY NOTES ON PAN AM SUMMER SCHEDULE DURING PERIOD FROM JAN. 31 TO APRIL 1). IN SUM, EMBASSY HAS NO DOUBT THAT SCHEDULE CITED IN MFA NOTE 079/6144 (REF D) IS APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE AND CONTAINS 747 SERVICE BEYOND ROME. THEREFORE, EMBASSY DECIDED DELIVER NOTE CONTAINED REF A.

4. IT IS WORTH CLARIFYING THAT MFA APPROVED PAN AM 747 FREQUENCIES BEYOND ROME NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE. FIRST APPROVAL WAS BY NOTE 079/6144. SECOND APPROVAL WAS BY NOTE 079/8101 OF MAY 2 (REPORTED REF E). THAT NOTE ALSO FAILED TO REFER TO A SPECIFIC EMBASSY NOTE, BUT IT DOES REFER TO MFA NOTE 079/6252 OF APRIL 2 WHICH WAS AN INTERIM RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE 161 OF APRIL 1. NOTE 079/101 SPELLS OUT THE SCHEDULES IT APPROVES. AS NOTE WAS LENGTHY EMBASSY DID NOT TRANSMIT FULL TEXT OF REF E BUT WILL NOW DO SO BY SEPTTEL AS PRECISE WORDING MAY BECOME USEFUL.

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5. AS NOTED REF E, EMBASSY SENT NOTE NO. 207 ON APRIL 21 CONVEYING A FURTHER REVISION TO PAN AM SCHEDULE (WHICH DID NOT HAVE 747 OPERATIONS BEYOND ROME) IN CONNECTION WITH DISASTER AT TENERIFE. DESPITE LAPSE OF 11 DAYS BETWEEN EMBASSY NOTE O APRIL 21 AND MFA NOTE OF MAY 2 LATTER APPARENTLY WAS SENT WITHOUT REGARD TO FORMER AND, IN ANY CASE, IS CLEARLY ADDRESSED TO EMBASSY'S NOTE 161 OF MARCH 30.

6. THUS, WE COULD REFER TO BOTH MFA NOTES APPROVING 747 OPERATIONS BEYOND ROME. WE BELIEVE IT IS TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS, HOWEVER, TO REFER TO ONLY THE FIRST APPROVAL AT THIS TIME BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, IT APPROVES SEVEN BEYOND ROME 747 FLIGHTS RATHER THAN SIX. HOLMES

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